

Dominica costs of solar power

In addition to hydropower, Dominica has been exploring other renewable energy sources, such as geothermal and solar power. The island is located on the boundary of the Caribbean and North American tectonic plates, which creates a geothermal hotspot with significant potential for electricity generation.

Known as the "Nature Island of the Caribbean", Dominica leverages its abundant natural resources--geothermal, hydroelectric, solar, and wind energy--to reduce reliance on imported fossil fuels, lower energy costs, and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Hydroelectric power is the cheapest source of renewable energy, at an average of US\$0.05 per kilowatt hour (kWh), but the average cost of developing new power plants based on onshore wind, solar photovoltaic (PV), biomass ...

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Dominica has a high solar potential, with a solar resource of 5.6 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per square meter per day. During his trip, Jalbert met with the Executive Director of the IRC Justinn Kase, management of Dominica Electricity Services Ltd. (DOMLEC), and Dominica Geothermal Development Company (DGDC).

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High solar and wind potential: The Caribbean is one of the best regions in the world for solar resources, averaging 217 days of sunshine per year. Dominica itself has an average yearly direct solar irradiation of 1392 kW/m² and an average wind speed of 9.72 m/s, making it an ideal choice for solar and wind power generation.

The project will inevitably benefit Dominican citizens by significantly lowering their electricity costs, increasing the island's share of renewable energy by 30%, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and even bringing additional income to the island by exporting homegrown geothermal energy.

Dominica has high solar potential with a solar resource of 5.6 kWh per square meter per day and also has approximately 30 MW of wind power potential, some of which is under development. After reviewing nine wind studies, DOMLEC concluded that Crompton Point, located in Saint Andrew, has a potential of 10 MW of wind power and that an addi-

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